

### **CLAIMS**

Please amend the claims (~~striketthrough~~ and double brackets ([ [ ] ]) indicating deletion and underline indicating insertion) as follows:

1. – 9. (Cancelled)

10. (Previously Presented) A climbing tree stand assembly comprising:  
a platform;  
a pair of support arms attached to the platform; and  
a pair of rigid footholds attached to the support arms and extending generally over the platform, wherein the pair of footholds each comprise a curved elongate body portion and a clamping portion attached to the support arms.

11. – 15. (Cancelled)

16. (Currently Amended) In a climbing tree stand including a platform and a pair of support arms attached to the platform, the climbing tree stand for use by a user, the improvement therein comprising:

a pair of rigid foothold devices attached only to the support arms and extending toward the platform wherein the pair of footholds each comprise a curved elongate body portion and a clamping portion attached to the support arms.

17. – 20. (Cancelled)